

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI**

Original Application No. 392/2022
(I.A. Nos. 747/2023,748/2023, 626/2023, 625/2023 & 35/2024)

Prasoon Pant & Anr. Applicant(s)

Union of India & Ors. Respondent(s)

Versus

Date of hearing: 28.04.2025

**CORAM: HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE PRAKASH SHRIVASTAVA, CHAIRPERSON
HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR AGARWAL, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON’BLE DR. A. SENTHIL VEL, EXPERT MEMBER**

Applicant: Mr. Rahul Choudhary & Ms. Shreepurna Dasgupta, Advs. for Applicant

Respondent: Mr. Ravindra Kumar, Senior Advocate with Mr. Shivam Saxena, Adv. for R - 8 (GNIDA)(Through VC)
Mr. Bhanwar Pal Singh Jadon, Mr. Harsh Vardhan Singh Rajawat, Ms. Gargi Chaturvedi & Ms. Anjali Sharma, Advs. for the State of UP
Mr. A.R. Takkar, Ms. Aastha Tyagi & Mr. Manan Takkar, Advs. for R - 9
Mr. Zeeshan Hashmi & Mr. Ankit Parashar, Advs. for R- 10
Mr. Karanjot Singh Mainee, Adv. for R - 14 & 17 (Through VC)
Mr. Adnan Siddiqui & Mr. Pranav Swarup Pandey, Advs. for R - 15, 18 & 26
Mr. Rakesh Sinha, Md. Ghulam Akbar, Mr. K. Sushant Sekhar, Ms. Shruti Deo & Mr. Jeemon Raju, Advs. for R - 24 (Through VC)
Mr. Rudrashish Bhardwaj, Adv. for R - 36
Mr. Sumeer Sodhi & Mr. Arjun Nanda, Advs. for R - 39 (Through VC)
Mr. Pradeep Misra & Mr. Daleep Dhyani, Advs. for UPPCB (Through VC)
Mr. Atif Suhrawardy, Adv. for CPCB (Through VC)
Mr. Gigi. C. George, Adv. for CGWA
Mr. Dhruv Kapur & Mr. Maharshi Kalia, Advs. for R - 11
Mr. Sidharth Joshi & Mr. Mohd. Zaki, Advs. for R - 16
Mr. A.K. Chaudhary & Mr. Nishikank Singh, Advs. for R - 13 & 33
Mr. Deepanshu Khanna, Adv. for R - 29
Mr. Amit Goel, Adv. for R - 27
Mr. Tanay Ayde, Adv. for R - 19
Mr. Sanjiv Swaroop, Adv. for R - 25 (Through VC)
Ms. Kanika Singhal & Mr. Ritik Nandan, Advs. for R - 31 (Through VC)
Mr. Madhur Dhingra, Adv. for R - 46

ORDER

1. Tribunal in the proceeding dated 04.02.2025 noted that out of 63 projects examined by the joint committee, 22 projects were found not to have used groundwater. Therefore, a question arises regarding the source of water being used by them.

2. Learned Counsel appearing for Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board (UPPCB) submits that notices were issued to all 22 project proponents to produce the record of the water procurement for the construction project. Disclosure made by UPPCB in the report dated 25.04.2025 in this regard is as under:-

“xxx 4.. That in compliance to the order passed by this Hon'ble Tribunal, the UPPCB has been sent notice to concerned 22 projects to produce records of water procurement for construction of project vide letter dated 20.03.2025. Copy of the said letter is being annexed herewith and marked as Annexure-R4/ 1.

5. That only 01 project namely M/s Paramount Emotions (Promoter M/s Paramount Propbuild Pvt Ltd), GH-05A, Sector-1, Greater Noida has submitted reply regarding records of water procurement for construction purposes out of 22 projects. Project proponent states that project was constructed from STP treated water from NOIDA, GNIDA and Private Project. Project proponent has also submitted supporting documents i.e. challan copy, cash memo, etc”.

3. Learned Counsel for UPPCB submits that out of 22 projects to which the notices were issued, only 01 has submitted the reply. Some of the project proponents present today have made a complaint that they have sent the reply after one week given in the notice and some of them have stated that notices have not received by them.

4. Since concerned project proponents are present before the Tribunal, we permit all those project proponents involved in the 22 projects that were not found to be using groundwater, to submit their responses to the Member Secretary, UPPCB, as well as to NOIDA and Greater NOIDA, where they are located, along with all records relating to the source of supply/procurement of water they are using in their projects. Let this information be submitted to the above authorities within 10 days. Upon receipt of such information, verification will be done by the Member Secretary, UPPCB, and appropriate action will be taken.

5. List on 29.07.2025.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Sudhir Agarwal, JM

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

April 28, 2025
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